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January 4, 2021

7:00 PM Board of Selectmen - Electronic Meeting by teleconference

As Chairman of the Hampton Board of Selectmen, I have determined that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of several of the Board members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming we are:

We are utilizing a teleconference service for this electronic Meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public may join this electronic meeting by calling **1-857-444-0744** and use the code **156034**. If anybody has a problem, please call **603-929-5805**.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### I. Roll Call

Chairman Waddell asked each member state their presence and location.

Sel. Rage, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Bridle, present, at home office

Sel. Woolsey, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Barnes, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Chairman Waddell, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Manager Jamie Sullivan, present Selectmen's Meeting Room

Dep. Dir. Jen Hale, present Selectmen's Meeting Room

Dir. Chris Jacobs, present Selectmen's Meeting Room

#### II. Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 31:95-b,III (a), concerning applying for, accepting, and expending unanticipated monies in amounts of \$10,000 each from The Phillip Michael Wasylean Trust as follows:

\$10,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for its activities for Senior Citizens

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\$10,000 to the Hampton Fire Department

\$10,000 to the Police Department

\$10,000 to the Town of Hampton for its Ambulance and EMT Services

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TM Sullivan gave a brief overview of Mr. Wasylean, discussing his residency and his extensive professional career, as well as many accolades he received during that career.

Public hearing opened at 19:06.

Sel. Barnes noted it a very generous gift and discussed the portion for senior activities. TM Sullivan further explained the donation designations.

Sel. Rage noted a very generous donation, very thoughtful in his memory.

Sel. Bridle noted Phil was a great guy, noting he loved Hampton, it is very generous and good for his memory.

Chairman Waddell offered his thanks to him and any friends and family listening.

Public hearing closed at 19:08

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to hereby move that the Board vote gratefully to accept and expend, 5 gifts of \$10,000 each to various Town Departments from The Phillip Michael Wasylean Trust for the purposes set forth in the Trust Agreement and in the receipts for those gifts, which the Town Manager is hereby authorized to sign in the Town's behalf, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

### III. Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 19:09

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:8-a and RSA 40:13,II-a,(c) regarding the issuance of a bond in the approximate amount of \$13,700,000 for reconstruction of High Street and Winnacunnet Road.

Chairman Waddell read the warrant article. TM Sullivan noted the article read is an edited version, based on DRA and Bond Council recommendations, noting language corrections.

Dep. Dir. Hale gave an overview of the project, discussing the warrant article that approved the survey and design. She noted this is for both Winnacunnet and High Street, discussing their length and the amount of sewer pipe and drainage. She discussed engineering and design plans and that they are on the town's website, with photographs. She encouraged everyone to look at them for a better understanding of the project. She noted the preapplication process started to help with bond rates, and seeking potential grants. She stated this project is something they can handle.

Gerry Znoj, 16 Presidential Circle, discussed he is opposed to the two road project, and discussed costs and his reasoning. He noted believing it being too large a project and overwhelming, and referenced the WWTP project. He discussed unanticipated costs and two roads being done causing disruptions as well as time for completion. He discussed the sewer pipes and photos, noting anything perilous should be replaced, also discussing clay piping. He offered the recommendation of doing one road at a time, with High Street first. He discussed budget committee and public sentiment that both roads are too much, and noted paying over a longer period of time would be better. He reiterated all of his points.

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Charlene Hurst, 451 Winnacunnet Road, noted she saw a lot of sewer work being done this year, and the DPW did a great job getting things done, noting a lot of faith in them. She discussed if we don't do both roads now, the cost in the future will be much more and it is time to get this done. She reiterated having faith with the people who work for the town and we can get this done, and future costs will be much more.

Sel. Bridle noted most complaints received over the last couple of years are the roads, and discussed the original figure of \$13 million was a known preliminary number until the study, and noted what the study showed. He commented we need to get this done, having faith in the directors at DPW, and the two road project enticing larger companies and it being cost effective.

Sel. Woolsey noted her concern about both roads being done at the same time and asked Dep. Dir. Hale how she felt. Dep. Dir. Hale discussed the firms that will be enticed by the size of the project and their ability to meet all the requirements of the size of the plan. She discussed traffic plans, and communicating them. Sel. Woolsey asked about length of time and Dep. Dir. Hale noted a two to three-year time frame but highlighted she is not the contractor, it will be a team effort and more information will be coming as we move forward. Sel. Woolsey asked about problems with pipes on both roads, and the answer was that there is clay pipe with cracks on both roads, as well as joint issues. Sel. Woolsey asked about a problem on the east end of Winnacunnet with drainage or cracking. Dep. Dir. Hale discussed the water that ponds there, and parking. Sel. Woolsey asked about replacing sidewalks on High St. and the answer was sidewalks with cracks and those needing to meet ADA requirements will be replaced. She mentioned a hill coming out of the town office and it was noted the extra pavement across the street that will be taken care of, and they can look at the area. They discussed time frame again.

Sel. Barnes clarified there are two roads, but one project and Dep. Dir. Hale confirmed and they discussed. Dir. Jacobs discussed the police and fire departments being involved in the process. Sel. Barnes noted the traffic backups that happen all the time and the increased traffic due to GPS. She noted this is something that needs to be done, and regarding clay pipes, have they ever said they will replace pipes just because they are clay. Dir. Jacobs noted no and discussed cleaning and jetting them. Dep. Dir. Hale discussed cracking and roots, and instances where clay pipe is intact, it would not be replaced. Sel. Barnes stated she supports the project and noted she recalls the initial cost was stated as an estimate. She noted her confidence in the directors making this work for Hampton.

Sel. Rage referenced the issue with the pipes at the marsh and putting it off and what that cost, not wanting to see that happen again. He noted borrowing money now will be much cheaper and if we wait, not only will the project be more money, but borrowing will be as well. He asked about overages. The directors discussed contingencies in the project. He asked about the project running out of money and Dep. Dir. Hale noted the bid package will not be put together that way, discussing unit pricing and referencing a ledge issue as an example.

Chairman Waddell noted his total confidence in DPW administration getting the work done. He noted confidence in their ability, as well as the engineering firms, to accomplish the project. He agreed you should be proactive and the bond rate at this point is the best we can get.

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Sel. Woolsey noted her prior stance on only one street at a time, but after this discussion, now being comfortable with both streets.

Public hearing closed at 19:49.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE and Move Forward the Winnacunnet-High Street Warrant Article as presented this evening, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

IV. Public Comment [Time limitation of three (3) minutes per caller] - None

V. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Bridle wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Sel. Barnes announced the Budget Committee meeting tomorrow in this room, and their public hearing is Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in this room.

TM Sullivan announced the final date on all warrant article submissions is Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, and Atty. Gearreald confirmed.

VI. Approval of Minutes - None

VII. Consent Agenda

1. Bond Release less 10% 9-11 I Str., 99-101 Ocean Blvd for \$26,623.80

TM Sullivan noted this has been approved by both Public Works and Planning and Finance.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

VIII. Appointments - None

IX. Town Manager's Report

1. TM Sullivan announced the most recent COVID-19 numbers for the overall state and Hampton. The Families First Response Act has expired as of 12/31/20.
2. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> will be the public hearing for the Comcast Cable contract.
3. Chief Sawyer's last day of employment will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and we wish him the best and thank him for his service to the town of Hampton.
4. On Friday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Deputy David Hobbs will be sworn in as Police Chief.
5. Rayanne Dionne, Conservation coordinator has resigned her position, and we thank her for all of her service. Charlene Genest, Assessing Dept., served her last day on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and we thank her for all of her work and years of service.
6. Christmas trees will be picked up by DPW this week.
7. The Budget Committee's public hearing will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, and in the Selectmen's Meeting room, with public attendance by teleconference only.

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8. Deliberative session will be an in person meeting, at the Hampton Academy gym, Sat. Jan.30<sup>th</sup>, at its usual time. Details are being worked out, it will be similar to an indoor graduation, and within social distance guidelines.

Chairman Waddell asked what meeting the moderator and town clerk will be in to discuss the deliberative session, and the answer was, due to the holiday, probably Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. He asked if it is on the website that deliberative will be an in-person session, and the answer was yes and we will reiterate.

#### X. Old Business

Sel. Barnes asked about information for the upgrade of the WWTP, and if it will be on the website similar to the road project, and the answer was that monthly updates to the board will resume and then go onto the website.

#### XI. New Business

TM Sullivan presented to the board the tentative agreement with the Teamsters #633. He noted it will go to the website, the agreement was reached today, it is a three-year contract, with the same cost of living increases at 1.4, 1.9, and 2%, as other agreements. He noted some language changes, part time sick time, “me to” language, and some adjustments to pay rates and pay scales. He noted the costing for the warrant article and read the article.

Selectman Rage MOTIONED to APPROVE and Ratify the Contract for the Teamsters #633 agreement, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE to Move the Warrant Article forward as presented this evening, for the Teamsters #633 agreement, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

At 20:10 PM on MOTION made by Selectman Barnes, SECONDED Selectman Bridle, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote (5-0) to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) [personnel]

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE:5-0-0

PRESENT: Jim Waddell, Chairman  
Regina Barnes, Vice-chairman  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectman  
Rusty Bridle, Selectman (by phone)  
Chuck Rage, Selectman  
James B. Sullivan, Town Manager  
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney  
Richard Sawyer, Police Chief (for first item only)  
Attorney Justin Richardson (by phone, for last item only)

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[The Minutes were sealed by roll call vote once the Board returned to its public session]

At 20:22 PM, a MOTION was made by Selectman Barnes, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey to leave the non-public session, which was approved unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

At approximately 20:22 PM, back in public session, Selectman Rage MOTIONED, and SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey, to seal the minutes of the non-public session on the basis that disclosure of the minutes could jeopardize the actions to be taken or render the proposed action ineffective, which was approved unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

## XII. Adjournment

At 20:23 PM, Selectman Rage MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle, which was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

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James Waddell, Chairman